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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

State Budget Update

The Department of Social Services (DPSS) was informed that the Department of Finance is considering a delay in release of the CalWORKS Equity Pot until the Governor's May Revise. The State is past the statutory deadline for the distribution of the Equity Pot, of which DPSS is expecting to receive \$20 million to \$35 million this year. Our Sacramento advocates are contacting our legislative delegation concerning release of these funds.

In another matter, we have learned that the recently-enacted reductions for fiscal year 2001-02 (**SB 3X 1, Peace**) did not include the \$7.9 million in cuts to the Public Library that the Governor proposed in November.

Status of County-Interest Legislation

The following bills failed passage in their house of origin by January 31, 2002 and are considered dead:

County-supported AB 48 (Washington) would have established a three-year demonstration project to make grants available to alcohol and drug integrated treatment services networks for under-served communities and appropriated \$5 million to fund the grants.

County-sponsored AB 126 (Firebaugh) would have authorized funds for a pilot project for increased public safety through the Developing Increased Safety through Arms Recovery Management (DISARM) program.

County-supported AB 243 (Runner) would have exempted jet fuel purchased at an airport located within an enterprise zone from the State portion of the Sales and Use Tax.

County-opposed AB 261 (Wright) would have created a new State-controlled agency to take over control and management of Exposition Park, including the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and Sports Arena.

County-sponsored AB 387 (Robert Pacheco) would have lowered the legal limit of Chromium to the recommended Public Health Goal, and added Chromium VI to the list of substances regulated by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

County-opposed AB 640 (Jackson) would have required the California Coastal Commission to review every local coastal program at least once every five years to determine if it is being effectively implemented in conformity with Coastal Act policies.

County-opposed AB 814 (Havice) which would have altered certain provisions of AB 1147, authorizing the State to reimburse the County for \$30 million in costs for the Los Angeles Drainage Area (LACDA) project, was withdrawn from committee by the author. Our Sacramento staff has been informed that the author does not intend to reintroduce the measure.

County-sponsored AB 853 (Liu) would have allowed extended visits by dependent children with their parents or guardians as part of a reunification plan and permitted the court to impose such conditions upon visitation as may be necessary to ensure the safety of the child.

County-supported AB 1022 (Rod Pacheco) would have added a \$5 penalty for every \$10 fine or penalty collected by courts for criminal offenses to be deposited in the State Supplemental Firefighting Services Fund for front line fire services and front line firefighting training.

County-sponsored AB 1047 (Liu) would have limited the jurisdiction of the State Board of Equalization related to telephone services provided by cable television companies.

County-opposed AB 1254 (Florez) would have included local prosecutors within the safety member classification for past and future service making them eligible for both safety workers' compensation and retirement benefits.

County-sponsored AB 1257 (Cardenas) would have offered financial incentives in the form of tax credits to banks and lenders who lend to childcare providers seeking to expand or build licensed childcare facilities in areas of documented unmet need.

County-supported AB 1572 (Briggs) would have linked the Selective Service System registration with the process of applying for a driver's license or State identification card.

County-supported SB 171 (McClintock) would have included transportation gridlock in the State's definition of a "state of emergency."

County-supported SB 228 (Machado) would have required the State Board of Corrections to administer and award grants on a competitive basis to counties that established or expanded substance abuse treatment programs for alcohol or drug addicted adults who are incarcerated.

County-supported SB 518 (Dunn) would have provided an unspecified percentage reduction in the expenditure MOEs of 20 counties still contributing financially to the operations of courts within their jurisdiction.

County-supported SB 600 (Torlakson) would have required the Governor's office of Planning and Research to convene a task force to propose best practices guidelines for transit village planning and design.

County-supported SB 623 (Escutia) would have created a task force on Trial Court Facilities to identify needs related to trial court and appellate court facilities.

County-opposed SB 924 (Alpert) would have required State and local agencies to compare the cost of providing architectural and engineering services in-house to the cost of contracting out those services.

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County-opposed SB 1029 (Perata) would have limited local control of water rates.

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